



## Montana Chapter 2013 Community Grant Program Request for Proposals

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies.

Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death worldwide. Even babies born just a few weeks too soon can face serious health challenges and are at risk of lifelong disabilities. In 2003, the **Prematurity Campaign** was launched to address the crisis and help families have healthy, full-term babies. The campaign funds research to find the causes of premature birth, and to identify and test promising interventions; educates health care providers and women about risk-reduction strategies; advocates to expand access to health care coverage to improve maternity care and infant health outcomes; provides information and emotional support to families affected by prematurity; and generates concern and action around the problem.

As part of this effort, the Montana Chapter community grants program is designed to invest in priority projects that further the March of Dimes mission, support campaign objectives, and further our strategic goal of promoting equity in birth outcomes.

### FUNDING PRIORITY AREAS

Projects may focus on *consumers* and/or *health care providers*. The March of Dimes does not fund billable health care provider services.

**In 2013, providing or enhancing premature birth risk reduction education and/or services is the primary funding priority for Montana Chapter grants.** This may include but is not limited to:

1. Providing smoking cessation education and/or services to pregnant women. Preference should be given to prenatal health education and information/referral services that utilize the "5 A's" counseling approach. For more information, go to: [www.acog.org/from\\_home/departments/smoking/smokingslides.ppt](http://www.acog.org/from_home/departments/smoking/smokingslides.ppt)
2. Implementing community programs that aim to **promote equity** in birth outcomes. This may include March of Dimes programs like *The Coming of the Blessing* and *Becoming a Mom/Comenzando bien*®.
3. Increasing pregnant women's **participation in state or local maternal child health programs** (e.g. Medicaid, CHIP, WIC) through enhanced outreach, education and public awareness.

### FUNDING AVAILABLE

The applicant must provide services in Montana. It is anticipated that 2-3 projects will be funded, with awards ranging from \$1000-\$3000 each. Chapter community grants are approved for one year.

### APPLICATION & REVIEW PROCESS

To apply, applicants should first complete the community awards application. Proposals must address at least one of the funding priorities listed. A signed W-9 form and 4 copies of the application must be received in the chapter office by May 31, 2013. Please be advised that proposals are non-binding. Proposals will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary volunteer Program Services Committee.

## GRANT SCHEDULE

Proposals Due	May 31, 2013
Notification of Awards	July 2013
Project Year	July, 2013 to June 2014

**For more information and to download application guidelines, go to:**

<http://www.marchofdimes.com/Montana/grants.html>

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**Please Note:**

March of Dimes chapter community grants do not fund scientific research projects. For information about research grants funded by the March of Dimes national office, please go to [marchofdimes.com/research](http://marchofdimes.com/research).